When I saw the announcement that Edmund, Ernst, Leopold, Schlesinger Benzon had died at his Country Seat in Scotland I found it hard to realize that so much energy and ability had gone out of the world, leaving only for his enduring monument the great results he had achieved.

I knew him intimately, when he was a young man, fresh from his native Germany. He was then with the firm of Naylor & C. of which he early became a prominent and efficient partner. To his energy, enterprise, and remarkable genius for business, that wealthy house is largely indebted for its extensive operations and eminent success.

From the many names which his parents had bestowed upon him, according to European custom, his friends selected Ernst as their favorite appellation; and that beautiful German name was peculiarly indicative of his character; for in whatsoever he loved, or whatsoever he undertook, he was earnest

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to an extraordinary degree. Never have I met with such bouyant energy, such incessant activity of thought and action Life in him was a high-leaping fountain, whose perpetual overflow refreshed and fructified everything in its vicinity and gladdened the heart with the brightness of its sunshine and rainbows

The strength of his domestic affections was one of his most prominent characteristics His memory clung with tenacious tenderness to a large family of brothers and sisters, whom he had left in the dear Fatherland. He was ambitious to enter into profitable enterprises, not for the sake of accumulation, but because his natural energies required a large field, and his heart prompted him to use them diligently to promote the prosperity of those he loved - and his career was successful beyond his most sanguine hopes. It rarely falls to the lot of any mortal to indulge generous affections by promoting so efficiently the welfare of all his kindred - but his kindly sympathies were not limited by family ties. The host of people in his employ found in him a benefactor and friend It was his delight to

assemble them at Christmas time to spread a bountiful repast before them, and load the Christmas Tree with presents for them and their little ones. He sympathized with the great progressive movements of the world, and was prompt to render them liberal aid. He was too much engrossed with business to be personally active in the anti-slavery cause, but he gave generous pecuniary assistance, sagacious counsel, and his frank, out-spoken word in its favor everywhere. In fact, all worthy claims upon his benevolence met with a prompt and munificent response. Business arrangements rendered it necessary for him to reside in England during the last twenty years of his life; but he did not forget the country of his first adoption.

The activity of his mind was by no means entirely engrossed by business. He took a lively interest in all that was new in science, or beautiful in literature and art. His magnificent London residence, in Kensington Palace Gardens, was a favorite resort of eminent authors and artists, who were attracted thither by his elegant hospitality, and the bright intelligence of his conversation.

During one of his visits to Germany, he married Elizabeth Lehmann, sister of the distinguished artist, whose works adorn the walls of the Louvre, and various Galleries of Paintings in Europe; several of them have been exhibited in Boston, and much admired Mr. Benzon was a very affectionate and indulgent husband and father, and his personal character was in all respects upright and pure.

When I try to realize that he has passed into another life, I can only think of him as curiously watching the growth of new planets, eager for insight into all the laws of the universe, and earnestly desirous to help in using them for the largest happiness of the greatest number.

L. Maria Child

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